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SUBJECTT: LEBANESE SITUATION JULY 26: ARAB LEAGUE FORCES FIRED UPON

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1. SUMMARY: FIRE LEVELED AT AL FORCES DEPLOYING ON CHRISTIAN SIDE OF CONFRONTATION LINE JULY 26 ALMOST CERTAINLY DELIBERATE CHAMOUNIST ACT. NEVERTHELESS, AL DEPUTY KHOLI STATES DETERMINATION CONTINUE DEPLOYMENTS. CEASEFIRE FADED RAPIDLY, WITH BOMBARDMENTS AND FIGHTING AT USUAL HOT SPOTS IN BEIRUT, TO INCLUDE TELL ZAATAR AND NABAA, AND INTERMITTENT COMBAT IN SUBURBS AND IN MOUNTAINS. OPTIMISTIC SOUNDS BUT STILL NO HARD NEWS FROM DAMASCUS TALKS BETWEEN SYRIANS AND PLO. RUMORS THAT SYRIANS TAKING VERY HARD LINE. PIERRE OEMAYEL SAYS PUBLICLY WOULD WELCOME MEETING WITH ARAFAT AND SUPPORTS REESTABLISHMENT OF ORDER IN LEBANON BY "FRIENDLY FORCE," PREFERABLY BUT NOT NECESSARILY SYRIAN. ELEMENTS OF LEBANESE PARLIAMENT IN WEST MAY MEET. ISLAMIC GROUP DISPLEASED WITH JUNBLATT EFFORT ESTABLISH LOCAL ADMINISTRATION. ELECTRICITY PROMISED FOR EIGHT HOURS PER DAY BEGINNING JULY 26. US-ORGANIZED SEA EVACUATION READY TO GO JULY 27. END SUMMARY.

2. SEVEN MEMBERS OF AL PEACEKEEPING FORCES WOUNDED BY ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE JULY 25 WHILE ATTEMPTING ENLARGE MUSEUM AREA BUFFER ZONE. INCIDENT OCCURRED NEAR SYRIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH BETWEEN MUSEUM AND PALACE OF JUSTICE. SPOKESMAN OF NATIONAL LIBERAL PARTY, WHICH DID NOT SIGN CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT, SAID NLP FIGHTERS FIRED ON AL TROOPS BECAUSE UNDER ORDERS TO OPPOSE ENTRY OF ARAB FORCES INTO AREAS OF NLP CONTROL. STATEMENT ISSUED BY CHAMOUN ALLEGES THAT CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT WAS TO PLACE AL FORCES ONLY IN WEST BEIRUT, TO PREVENT ASSAULTS AGAINST CHRISTIANS. AL REPRESENTATIVE HASSAN SABRI KHOLI DESCRIBES INCIDENT AT MUSEUM AS "ACT OF SABOTAGE INTENDED TORPEDO ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURITY AND PEACE IN LEBANON." KHOLI SAYS AL WILL NOT GIVE UP DESPITE DANGERS AND OPPOSITION AND WILL GO AHEAD IN ATTEMPT POSITION FORCES ON CORNICHE DU FLEUVE AND ALONG DAMASCUS ROAD. KHOLI'S POLITICAL CONTACTS JULY 25 INCLUDED RACHID KARAME AND CONFIDENTIAL

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REPRESENTATIVES OF MOURABITOUN, THE COMMUNIST ACTION ORGANIZATION AND LEBANESE ARAB ARMY. KHOLI SCHEDULED MEET KFOUR FRONT JULY 26.

3. CEASEFIRE SO FAR FAILURE AS BEIRUT, ITS SUBURBS AND MOUNTAIN AREAS CONTINUE HOT. DEATH TOLL FROM JULY 24 SHELLING OFFHAMRA AREA NOW SIX. BOMBARDMENTS OF ASHRAFFIYAH AND EAST AND WEST BEIRUT CONTINUE. HOT AREAS INCLUDE NABAA, BOURJ-HAMMOUD, TELL ZAATAR, SIN EL-FIL AND DEKOUANE. IN BOURJ-HAMMOUD ALONE NEARLY 70 REPORTED KILLED JULY 25 IN HEAVY FIGHTING AND BOMBARDMENTS. AT TELL ZAATAR PALESTINIANS SAY SOME 500 PERSONS REMAIN BURIED IN DAMAGED SHELTER. ICRC

NNOW ASKING THREE-DAY TRUCE TO EVACUATE WOUNDED FROM AREA. PRESS QUOTES KATAEB SPOKESMAN THAT CAMILLE CHAMOUN AND ABOU ARZ OF GUARDIANS OF CEDARS HAVE ACCEPTED EVACUATION OF WOUNDED FROM TELL ZAATAR. AS OF NOON JULY 26, FIGHTING REEORTED AROUND BOTH NABAA AND TELL ZAATAR.

4. SOUTH AND EAST OF BEIRUT, INTERMITTENT COMBAT CONTINUES AT CHIAH/AIN EL-RUMMANEH AND HEAVY BOMBARDMENTS AT HADETH/LEYLAKE, CHOUEIFAT, SAHRAAT, CHOUEIFAT, AND KFARCHIMA. PRESS REPORTS THAT IN THE MOUNTAINS THERE IS "NEITHER TRUCE NOR THE LEAST TRACE OF CEASEFIRE.. FIGHTING BETWEEN ALEY AND KAHALE EXTENDED JULY 25 TO INCLUDE BDEOUN, BSOUS, ARAYA, QHOUITT, KOMATIE, AITATE, KEIJFOUN AND BSABA. IN THE HIGH METN, BOMBARDMENTS CONTINUE AT MTEIN, AINTOURA, SANNINE, BASKINTA, BCHELANA, ZAAROUR, MROUJE AND BOIS DE BOULOGNE. ONE REPORT SAYS CHRISTIAN VILLAGERS IN THE UPPER METN HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO LEAVE ARE BEFORE OPERATIONS COMMENCE TO CLEAR ARA OF LEFTISTS AND PLESTINIANS.

5. LEADER OF PALESTINIAN DELEGATION IN DAMASCUS FAROUK KADDOUMI SAYS "CORDIAL AND FRATERNAL ATMOSPHERE CONTINUES" IN DISCUSSIONS AND "WE HAVE PROGRESSED ON THE ROAD TOWARD AN AUTHENTIC PEACE." FEW DETAILS OF DISCUSSIONS RELEAS ##

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## THREE-POINT WORKING PROGRAM (SITREP JULY 25). DIALOGUE SCHEDULED CONTINUE JULY 26. SOURCES CLOSE TO JUNBLATT CLAIM PLO DELEGATION IN DAMASCUS HAS REPORTED BACK SYRIAN DEMANDS THAT PLO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM BOTH REJECTIONISTS AND LEBANESE LEFT.

6. IN MONDAY MORNING INTERVIEW PIERRE GEMAYEL SAYS HE READY MEET WITH ARAFAT AS "MEETING BETWEEN SIPCERE AND HONEST MEN IS ALWAYS USEFUL." GEMAYEL PRAISES SYRIA FOR HAVING SERVED CAUSE OF ARABS AND PALESTINIANS BY HELPING CHRISTIANS NOT REJECT ARABISM. HE REITERATES SUPPORT OF REESTABLISHMENT OF ORDER IN LEBANON BY "A FRIENDLY FORCE" AND SAYS, THOUGH IDENTITY OF FOYCE ##  
LITTLE, HE PREFERS SINCERE AND HONEST HELP SYRIA HAS ALREADY PROVIDED. ONCE AGAIN KATAEB LEADER REJECTS PARTITION ACCUSATION. STATEMENT COMES AMID RUMORS OF UPCOMING MEETINGS BETWEEN GEMAYEL AND SAEB SALAM, KAMAL JUNBLATT, AND LEADRS OF NATIONAL UNITY FRONT.

7. LEBANESE POLITICAL CIRCLES SAY DEPUTY SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT MOUNIR ABU FADIL HAS BEEN DIRECTED BY SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT KAMIL ASSAD TO SEEK TO ARRANGE MEETING OF THOSE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT NOW IN WEST BEIRUT AND SOUTH LEBANON TO PASS RESOLUTIONS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION. THE "ISLAMIC GROUP" REPORTEDLY IS UNHAPPY WITH JUNBLATT'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH A LOCA ADMINISTRATION IN LEFTIST AREAS AND IS SEEKING OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS REVIVAL OF GOVERNMENTAL LOCAL ADMINISTRATION WITH PRIME MINISTER KARAME.

8. DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF ELECTRICITY BIZRI SAYS ZOUK THERMAL POWER PLANT WILL GO BACK INTO OPERATION JULY 26 FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL SUPPLY OF FUEL FROM ZAHRANI BY SEA. BIZRI SAYS ELECTRICITY WILL BE SUPPLIED EIGHT HOURS PER DAY TO ALL QUARTERS WHERE LINES FUNCTIONING. BEIRUT ALREADY RECEIVING LARGER WATER SUPPLY DUE  
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INCREASED CURRENT TO PUMPING STATIONS.

9. US-ORGANIZED SEA EVACUATION FROM BAIN MILITAIRE SET TO LEAVE EARLY JULY 27. SOME 500 PERSONS EXPECTED.  
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